



# Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot

## *Hamilton, OH*

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

**EPA's** Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower States, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. Since 1995, EPA has funded more than 200 Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots, at up to \$200,000 each, to support creative two-year explorations and demonstrations of brownfields solutions. The Pilots are intended to provide EPA, States, Tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

### BACKGROUND

EPA has selected the City of Hamilton for a Brownfields Pilot. Years of heavy industrial activity have created several potentially contaminated properties and zones. The target area of the Pilot is the State-designated City of Hamilton Enterprise Zone (EZ). The Hamilton EZ has the largest concentration of minorities, poverty, and unemployment in the surrounding City and County. In addition, at least 12 potential brownfields sites are located in the EZ.

### OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the Pilot is to identify, inventory, and assess potentially contaminated sites within the project area. An area-wide assessment will be followed by site-specific Phase I assessments for an estimated ten properties and Phase II assessments for an estimated four properties. The Pilot, in conjunction with the Hamilton Community Improvement Corporation, will create cleanup and redevelopment plans for approximately six of these properties. In addition, the Pilot will conduct community involvement and outreach activities throughout the term of the project.

### PILOT SNAPSHOT



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**Date of Announcement:**  
July 1998

**Amount:** \$200,000

**Profile:** The Pilot will identify, inventory, and assess potential brownfields redevelopment sites within the City's Enterprise Zone community.

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Visit the EPA Region 5 Brownfields web site at:  
<http://www.epa.gov/R5Brownfields/>

For further information, including specific Pilot contacts, additional Pilot information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:  
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Identifying and assessing potential brownfields properties within the project area;
- Developing a cleanup and redevelopment plan for identified contaminated properties;
- Conducting community outreach and involvement activities; and
- Identifying alternative funding sources and leveraging existing resources to establish additional sources of funding and community support throughout the Pilot process.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.